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In re Application of:

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BACKWARDS COMPATIBLE  
SOFTWARE

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2006, and the Notice of Non-Compliant amendment mailed April 18, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in light of the following.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 16 of this paper.